

Study Session/State of the District Minutes
Tenth Street Elementary Auditorium
September 12, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

In attendance: M. Pallone, M. McClure, J. Miller (phone in), S. Garibay, W. Wilton, B. Hawk, J. Chaparro, J. Hurt-Robinson (phone in), A. Paris, F. Muscante, N. English, D. Zolkowski, C. Monroe, R. Rizzo, A. Pater, E. Hewitt, D. Turk, S. Wermager

Dr. English welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting. He mentioned that he visited the buildings today and wanted to assure everyone that we are off to a good start. He was excited to share that tonight he will provide the State of the District report, which provides a yearly outlook and summary of the District's many strengths, and our goals to ensure we are continuously focused on improvement. As you all have been provided this document, and to be respectful of both yours, and the public's time, he would run through this and hit the highlights. He added that the Pittsburgh Business Times ranks us as the TOP single A school in the region, and in the top 3 in the State. "As a matter of fact, if you clump all single A and double A schools in the State together, we rank 7th in the entire State. We rank 26th in Western PA, and that is when compared to ALL schools of various sizes, access to resources, and programming, etc. So by most objective standards, we provide, what many believe, is a world class education, and something we can all be proud of."

Presentation/Discussion

State of the District – Dr. English then reviewed the State of the District with everyone.

Health and Safety Plan Review & Discussion – Dr. English explained that this year, the federal government has thankfully changed the reporting requirements for our Health and Safety Plan. In order to continue to receive federal ESSERS monies, we need to "periodically review" our health and safety plan. You have received the health and safety plan, which is almost identical to the one you voted on last February. We will include this document again in February as well; and unless issues with pandemic significantly change between now and then, we should be in compliance with federal guidelines.

Hearing of Citizens – None – Dr. English then mentioned our second Hearing of Citizens that will occur following our discussion of potential motions for approval.

Discussion/Review of Potential Motions for Approval for Regular Voting Meeting

Personnel

- High School Academic Coach Replacement
- Paraprofessionals – Class III Part Time 3 hour – Tenth Street

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- Precision Substitutes
- Supplemental REA Positions – Designer Club, Jr/Sr High Safety Coordinator
- Supplemental Athletic Position – Assistant Volleyball
- Musical Producer
- Student Teacher – University of Pittsburgh MAT Program

Dr. English then reviewed the personnel section of the agenda. He mentioned that our high school academic coach has taken another job. The interview process has been completed for a replacement. Recommended paperwork will be included in this week's packet.

He added that we hope to have all paperwork completed for two new Class III 3 hour paras this week. Hopefully, their resumes and reference check information will be included in this week's packet.

As usual, we will be asking for approval of our Precision substitutes. As of today, we do not have any additional bus drivers with Allegheny Transportation to approve. Should that change over the next few days, we will be asking for their approval next week as well.

We will be asking for the approval of several REA Supplemental Positions, along with approval of an Athletic Supplemental Volleyball position. In addition, included in their packets was a request for the approval of a musical producer and a Pitt MAT student teacher.

Board Governance

- Booster & Supplemental Budgetary Outlines
- Games of Chance

Dr. English then reviewed the Board Governance section of the agenda and explained that we will have several budgetary outlines included in this week's packet. As the supplemental clubs hold their initial meetings of the year, we will be asking for approval as they are received.

Student Life

- Cross Country Trip – McQuaid Invitational 9/30/22 – 10/2/22

For Student Life, Dr. English shared that we will be asking for approval for the students to attend the McQuaid Invitational Cross Country meet under the direction of Mrs. Ostrowski. Since this is an overnight trip, this this will be listed for approval next week. Cross County usually holds one overnight meet per season, not including any PIAA championship meets, which we seem to achieve each year. He also added that we are off to a great start, and let's cross our fingers that we are in the state rankings again this year.

Agreements/Contracts/Resolutions:

- Allegheny Intermediate Unit – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Support – Revised Agreement
- UPMC Prevention Services Letter of Agreement – Renewal
- Health eTools Software Service Agreement - Renewal

- Glade Run Agreement – ESSERS one year extension agreement

Dr. English then mentioned that we will be asking for approval of several renewal agreements, along with an extension agreement and a revised agreement. The Allegheny Intermediate Unit agreement is revised, as they had the incorrect rate on the first document. Specifically, the original hourly rate was \$150 (last year), but the AIU then realized that the wrong price was on it. The new amount, as shown in your packet, was for 10 sessions, at \$167 an hour, which put the total at \$1670 dollars. The UPMC is a renewal agreement, as well as Health eTools for the nurses. The Glade Run is for additional therapeutic services as a part of a new State grant. We hope that will be approved.

Scholarship Broadcast Program will be in next week's voting meeting packet. The NFHS agreement to install video cameras was approved by the Borough and we received an official notice today. Therefore, we will include that on next week's voting meeting agenda as well.

Dr. English then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Wehner to review the Business/Finance section of the agenda.

Business/Finance:

- Pay App – East West Manufacturing - \$88,146.00, First American Industries - \$71,104.50, Moret Construction - \$328,919.08
- Change Orders – Moret (\$2,230.80), Moret \$3,200.00, Moret \$3,325.72, First American \$38,270.00, First American \$3,885.42, First American \$18,918.76
- 2022-2023 Paid Lunch Equity
- Ricupero, Inc. 22-23 pricing

Mrs. Wehner gave a short presentation on the bills, change orders, paid lunch equity, and the snow plowing pricing. The Board discussed the snow plowing briefly, and Mrs. Wehner recommended that continuing with Ricupero would be more cost effective than going out for bid again, which the District enacted last year.

Before our last Hearing of Citizens, Dr. English wanted to inform the Board that the Borough has approved the installation of a new town fire alarm system. The new alarm has a lower decibel level, and runs for a shorter period of time – approximately 1 minute. He knew this has been a point of contention with some of our residents for quite some time, but this has been approved and will be installed, they believe, this fall. Dr. English then moved to the second Hearing of Citizens.

Hearing of Citizens - None

Adjournment – 8:44 pm